Examples of 4th grade writing prompts

(shared by Victoria Young at CREST 9-19-11)

Expository

Read the information in the box.

There are people in our lives who are special to us. Sometimes this person is a teacher or coach, a brother, sister or even a special friend.

Think about the people you care about.

Write about one person who has been important to you. Explain what makes that person special. (Explain = inform your reader; tell why - V.Y.)

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* organize your writing
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* choose your words carefully
* use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar and sentences

Personal Narrative

(Moving students toward memoir; personal narrative goes away at Eng I.

4.19A write about important personal experiences. Must be based on students’ real experiences – they cannot be fictional)

Look at the picture below

\*a picture of a little boy balancing a basketball on his finger

Think about this: It takes talent to balance a basketball on your finger.

Write about a time when you first discovered you were good at something.

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